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...HEY.

TELL ME
THAT WAS A LIE,
KIN-CHAN.

IF YOU
DON'T...

I'LL...

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16th Ammo : You Adultress!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

A FAMOUS DETECTIVE WHO HAD NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS 100 OR SO YEARS AGO.

SHERLOCK HORMES

HE WAS A SKILLED MARKSMAN.

AND HE IS THE FOREFATHER OF US, THE BUTEI...

If you discount "that condition", he is nothing more than an ordinary male high school student.
Tokyo Butei High School, 2nd year Inquesta, Toyama Kinji.
東京武偵高校第三男子寮
Because of a certain incident, he was noticed by a descendant of Sherlock Holmes.
But...
For better or worse, he was chosen to be her partner...
.....
But...
This is...

JUST RIDICULOUS, ISN'T IT!?
HOW COULD A DESCENDANT OF HOLMES BE SO SMALL AND CUTE!?
FUR-THER-MORE,
YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
I ONLY TOLD YOU TO BUY SOME PEACH BUNS! HOW USELESS CAN YOU BE!?
YEAH, YEAH...
ONLY HER APPEARANCE IS CUTE.

KANZAKI HOLMES ARIA.

ONCE YOU'RE DONE EATING, HURRY UP AND GO HOME. THIS IS THE MALE DORMITORY...

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. I'M NOT GOING HOME UNTIL I FIGURE OUT THE SECRET BEHIND YOUR SPECIAL ABILITY.

.....

AND IN ADDITION...

RIKO IS DEFINITELY STILL ALIVE.

I'LL DEFINITELY TAKE HER OUT THE NEXT TIME I SEE HER.

RIKO...

A GIRL WHO CALLED ARIA HOLMES AND USED VARIOUS METHODS TO DRIVE US INTO A CORNER. SHE HAPPENS TO BE A MEMBER OF "ELI", AS WELL AS...

A 4TH GENERATION OF SHERLOCK HOLMES. SHE IS AN ELITE BUTEI RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING COUNTLESS CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS.

THE "BUTEI KILLER", MINE RIKO LUPIN THE 4TH.

DEDUC-TION IS HOPELESS FOR HER, BUT...

SO,

HORMES

HOLMES IS READ HORMES IN FRENCH...

...OR SO I'VE HEARD.

THEIR CONFLICT WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED, AND THE FEUD WAS PASSED ON TO THEIR DESCENDANTS... OR SO IT'S WRITTEN IN INQUESTA TEXTBOOKS.

THEIR ANCESTORS, THE PHANTOM THIEF LUPIN AND THE DETECTIVE HOLMES, FOUGHT IN FRANCE.

AND THERE'S THE UNRESOLVED ISSUE OF THE MYSTERY MISSILE THAT WAS FIRED AT AMAGOO...

ABOUT HOW HE JOINED ELI.

RIKO SOUNDED VERY CONVINCING WHEN SHE TALKED ABOUT MY BROTHER.

EVEN THOUGH THE CASE OF THE "BUTEI KILLER" IS CLOSED, THERE ARE STILL MANY MYSTERIES LEFT OVER.

THESE... THESE AREN'T...

PEACH BUNS...!

THIS CASE... STILL HASN'T BEEN PROPERLY RESOLVED...

URGH MOGO!

WHAT'S WRONG?

AH, THOSE ARE MINE. THEY'RE EEL BUNS.

WHAT THE HECK... WHY WOULD YOU MIX THOSE THINGS WITH MINE!?

I PAID FOR IT, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

WHAT'S WRONG!?

I'M SURPRISED YOU STILL HAVE AN APPETITE WITH THAT FISHY SMELL FROM THOSE BUNS!

GO BACK AND BUY A NEW BATCH! NOW!!

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT CHECKING BEFORE EATING!!

SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!

DON'T TALK BACK TO ME, YOU'RE JUST A SLAVE!!

WOW... I HAVE THIS MANY.

THE RECEPTION HERE IS POOR, SO THEY GET GROUPED TOGETHER A LOT...

WHO IS IT, AT SUCH A BUSY TIME...

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Kin-chan,
I heard you're living with a girl.
Is it true?

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I just got back from the shrine.
I heard a rumor that you were living with a girl called Kanzaki H Aria!

Why aren't you replying?

I'm coming over right now!

A...

ARIA...

THE...

THE...

ARMED SHRINE MAIDEN IS...

HUH... WHAT?

WHY ARE YOU SHAKING ALL OF A SUDDEN?

LE...

LET... LET'S...

LET'S ESCAPE!!

SHE'S HERE...!!

OH NO...

SO YOU REALLY WERE HERE!

SHIRA-YUKI!!

KANZAKI! H! ARIA!

SHI...

HOW DARE YOU COMMIT SUCH A DIRTY CRIME... HOW DARE YOU TRICK KI...KIN-CHAN...

BY THIS ADULTRESS!

HOLD... HOLD ON!

RUN ARIA!!!

CALM DOWN, SHIRA-[illegible]UKI...

KIN-CHAN, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!

PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES WITH YOUR LIFE!!

YOU'RE ONLY BEING FOOLED!

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HOTOGI SHIRAYUKI COULD BE REGARDED AS AN IDEAL JAPANESE FEMALE.

HER LONG FLOWING BLACK HAIR AND HUMBLE AND MODEST CHARACTER ARE REMINISCENT OF JAPANESE GIRLS FROM THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

SHE IS SKILLED IN CULINARY ARTS AND HOUSE KEEPING. FURTHERMORE, SHE IS KINDER THAN ANYONE ELSE. SHE WOULD TRULY MAKE A GOOD WIFE AND FUTURE MOTHER.

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...OR SO I THOUGHT.

...NORMALLY ANYWAY.

SHIRAYUKI!

YOU'RE MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING.

URGH!?

I'LL KILL ARIA...

AND THEN I'LL COMMIT SUICIDE!!

BUT THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD SAY THAT ABOUT HER.

THE ONE WHO'S WRONG IS YOU, ARIA!

HOW IS THIS MY FAULT!?

Kinji, do something about this!

IT'S NOT KINJI'S FAULT!

THAT'S RIGHT.

It's all your fault that this happened.

...OH, NO.

WHEN SHE BECOMES LIKE THIS, NO ONE CAN STOP HER...!

ARIA, PREPARE TO DIE!

EVEN NOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS, BUT...

SINCE SHIRAYUKI WAS A CHILD, SHE WOULD SOMETIMES GO BESERK LIKE THIS.

DIVINE PUNISH-MENT!!

MIYA!!

SHE CAUGHT THE BLADE!

SHE...

That's the first time I've seen it

!!

THIS STUPID GIRL...!

NO HOLDS BARRED, OK!?

UMIYA!!

NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE IN FRONT OF KIN-CHAN AGAIN!!

U...

KYAU!?

DIE, YOU ADULTRESS!

DIE!

WHAT!?

STOP IT, THE TWO OF YOU!

STOP... STOP IT!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

...ENOUGH!

I'M GOING TO BLOW HOLES IN YOU!!

YOU'RE MY PARTNER, AREN'T YOU!?

KINJI!

BACK ME UP!

IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL PRETEND THAT NONE OF THIS HAPPENED!

KIN -CHAN!

STAB THIS GIRL IN THE BACK!

.....!

CAN ONE ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...

HM...

DO WHAT YOU WANT ...

KINJI!

KIN -CHAN!

STOP THIS BATTLE TO THE DEATH BETWEEN THESE TWO MONSTERS?

FIGHT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

防弾

THE ANSWER IS NO.

EVEN IF YOU TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE SOURCE OF HER STRENGTH, IT WOULD BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND

I'M HAVING TROUBLE FIGURING IT OUT EVEN THOUGH I'M WITNESSING IT NOW, BUT.

HOTOGI PRIESTESSES ARE "ARIVED PRIESTESSES".

NO MATTER WHAT SHRINE, THE SHINTO PRIESTS AND PRIESTESSES ARE MORE OR LESS THE PROTECTORS OF THE OBJECT THAT HOUSES THEIR DEITY.

IT SEEMS TO BE A SUPER-NATURAL ABILITY...

CALLED KIDOUJUTSU...

THE HOTOGI SHRINE SEEMS TO HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD SOMEWHERE IN THEIR LONG HISTORY, AND ARMED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL THAT DUTY

THERE ARE RUMORS THAT SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING THESE ABILITIES IN SECRET.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE PEOPLE WHO POSSESS THESE ABILITIES REALLY DO EXIST.

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT IT SOUNDS RIDICULOUS, BUT THEIR NUMBERS ARE INCREASING DAY BY DAY.

FURTHERMORE, BUTEI WHO POSSESS THESE ABILITIES ARE CALLED CHOUTEI.

.....

SUPER-NATURAL ABILITIES.

THAT SOUNDS SO SHADY. NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A THING, WOULD THEY?

...THIS ISN'T 'NORMAL'...

AND BECOME AN ORDINARY ADULT.

I'M STILL WISHING FOR THAT NOW.

ANYWAY, I WANT TO TRANSFER INTO AN ORDINARY SCHOOL.

BUT THANKS TO ARIA, RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN DRAGGED DEEPER AND DEEPER...

YOU, TOO...

WHY DON'T YOU... KICK THE BUCKET... ALREADY...

HOW... PERSISTENT ...

YOU ADULTRESS ...

HAA

HAA...

HAA.

I'LL ATONE FOR THIS WITH MY DEATH... IF KIN-CHAN-SAMA IS GOING TO ABANDON ME, I'LL KILL ARIA...

AND THEN, I'LL COMMIT SEPPUKU RIGHT HERE TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU!!

...SO, ARE YOU TWO DONE YET?

KIN -CHAN -SAMA!!

UGH, DON'T GRAB MY COLLAR!

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

ARIA JUST WANTS TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU!!

A...

EVEN FOR HAMSTERS, WHEN YOU PUT A MALE AND FEMALE TOGETHER, THEY'LL NATURALLY MULTIPLY!!

BUT...

HEY, NOW... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I'M NOT GOING TO ABANDON YOU...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. YOU'RE THINKING WAY TOO MUCH.

NO, IF YOU WERE ANY BRAVER THAN THIS, IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

IT'S ALL MY FAULT. I WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH, SO KIN-CHAN WENT TO FIND OTHER GIRLS OUTSIDE... OR RATHER, INSIDE IN THIS CASE...

DON'T... DON'T GET SO COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE IN A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH KIN-CHAN!

YOU EVIL WOMAN!!

LO...

LOVE!?

I'VE NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE! I WILL NEVER FALL IN LOVE!

AH... I'VE NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE EITHER!

I'VE NEVER WASTED ANY OF MY PRECIOUS TIME ON SOMETHING AS WORTHLESS AS LOVE, NOR DO I INTEND TO!

STOP SAYING SUCH STUPID THINGS!

I... I DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT THINGS LIKE LOVE.

WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP!!

THEN, WHAT'S YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH KIN-CHAN!?

AREN'T YOU TWO LOVERS!?

SLAVE ...!?

SL...

SL...

KINJI IS MY SLAVE!

NOTHING MORE THAN A SLAVE!

IT IS! I... I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THE OPPOSITE BEFORE!

YOU... YOU EVEN MADE KIN-CHAN PARTICIPATE IN THAT KIND OF UNACCEPTABLE PLAY!

WHAT...

WHAT STUPID THINGS ARE YOU SAYING NOW!? IT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!

KINJI!

NO NO NO!!

...FIRST

SHIRA-YUKI.

UMM ... RIGHT ...

Getting this weird woman all riled up is 100% your fault!

Do something! Or else I'm going to make you regret it!

YES, SHIRAYUKI.

...REALLY?

DO YOU KNOW MY NICKNAME?

YES.

LISTEN CAREFULLY.

ARIA AND I ARE NOTHING MORE THAN TEMPORARY BUTEI PARTNERS.

SO, ALL THAT RAGE WAS BECAUSE OF A MISUNDERSTANDING, AND IS MEANINGLESS.

MOREOVER, DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D GET INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS MIDGET WHO LOOKS NO OLDER THAN AN ELEMETARY SCHOOL STUDENT?

HOLES.

AND AFTERNOON STREET LAMP*.

...GIRL HATER.

NO, THAT ONE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.

RIGHT?

She's bringing up other useless things.

YE... YES.

*K.M. IS AS INCONSPICUOUS AS A STREET LAMP IN THE AFTERNOON, MEANING HE DOESN'T STAND OUT AT ALL

BUT...

BUT... KIN-CHAN ...

WHAT IS IT?

THOSE ...

MATCHING PAIR...?

ARE A MATCHING PAIR!!

KINJI AND I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP!

I DON'T WANT SO MUCH AS A PICOGRAM FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH A GUY LIKE HIM!

LIKE I WAS SAYING!

I... I'VE SEEN IT IN MY DREAMS SO MANY TIMES!

MATCHING ITEMS IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY LOVERS DO!

ARE YOU...

SAYING THAT I'M NOT TRUST-WORTHY?

NO... NOT AT ALL.

I BELIEVE YOU.

I BELIEVE YOU...

HEY, NOW, SHIRAYUKI.

YES...

NOW WE CAN GO BACK TO A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION.

SO...

KIN-CHAN AND ARIA HAVEN'T DONE *THAT* RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THAT"?

KI...

Kiss...

FOR EXAMPLE...

YOU SAID A KISS?

A KISS...

YOU SAY?

事実だけ『しよ』となぞんだしょ

急措置のつもりで

あって

感情で

...YOU...

IT...

DID...

WE...

DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT!

OK?

BU... BUT!

I... I-I- IT'S OK!

I... I'M... I'M...

I FOUND OUT YESTERDAY, BUT!

YOU, DID IT...! DIDN'T YOU...!

HEY, SHIRAYUKI!!

WHAT YOU'RE THINKING IS R-18!!

NOT...

PREGNANT!

SHIRA-YUKI!?

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WHAT WAS TROUBLING ABOUT THAT!?

I WAS REALLY TROUBLED BY IT IN SECRET, YOU KNOW!?

YOU... IRRESPONSIBLE MAN!

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH PREGNANCY!?

A...ARIA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW, DO YOU!?

FINE, THEN YOU TELL ME HOW PEOPLE GET PREGNANT!

HOW CAN YOU GET PREGNANT FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?

THA-... THAT'S BECAUSE MY FATHER HAS TOLD ME SINCE I WAS CHILD THAT IF YOU KISS, YOU'LL GET PREGNANT!

I KNOW!

I... I CAN'T TELL YOU SOMETHING LIKE THAT! IDIOT!

EVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THESE DAYS KNOW THAT!

AT LEAST DO YOUR DAUGHTER'S SEX ED PROPERLY!

You members of the Holmes family!

JUST WHAT IS THIS GOING TO TURN INTO...?

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SHIRAYUKI.

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HEY...

There was a clear distinction between the light and darkness.

After the great battle between Aria and Shirayuki,

But now she's just avoiding us.

Shirayuki used to take care of me so much.

STUPID KINJI!

FOR SOME TIME AFTERWARDS, SHE WOULD BECOME STIFF AND RED EVERY TIME SHE WOULD SEE ME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ARIA WAS SELF-STUDYING CONCERNING THE LIFE MYSTERY OF CHILD MAKING...

AS IF SHE REALIZED THAT HER HEALTH EDUCATION WAS AS INCORRECT AS THE PTOLEMAIC THEORY*.

*EARTH CENTERED UNIVERSE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING STARING OFF LIKE AN IDIOT? HURRY UP AND GO EAT!

SINCE ARIA IS BACK TO HER USUAL, UNRULY SELF.

THUD

AND YET

AND YET

STUPID KINJI

AND YET

YOU'RE NOISY

WHACK

BUT APPARENTLY, SHE'S PRONE TO MOOD SWINGS,

...COME ON, GIVE ME A BREAK.

OW... YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. I ALREADY KNOW.

SHIRANUI.

TOOYAMA-KUN,

MAY I SIT HERE?

RANK-A ASSAULT, SHIRANUI RYOU.

BEING PROFICIENT WITH HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, KNIVES, AND PISTOLS, HE'S A RARE MAN OF CHARACTER IN THE BUTEI SCHOOL.

sorry

OH, AND POPULAR.

A CLASSMATE I OFTEN FORMED PARTIES WITH IN THE PAST.

HE'S A VEHICLE NUT CAPABLE OF OPERATING ANY KIND OF TRANSPORT VEHICLE, WHETHER IT'S A STEAM TRAIN TO A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE.

RANK-A LOGI*, MUTOU GOUKI.

KINJI, I HEARD.

INTER-ROGATION TIME.

IF YOU ESCAPE, I'LL RUN YOU OVER.

*LOGISTICS

SHE LOOKED DEPRESSED. WHAT HAPPENED?

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH HOTOGI-SAN?

NOTE: THIS GUY ISN'T POPULAR.

※ In a trance from eating peach buns

ARIA, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?

DUNNO.

IT'S POPULAR, ISN'T IT?

THIS MORNING AT THE GREENHOUSE, SHIRANUI SAID HE SAW HER DOING FLOWER DIVINATION.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO...

WAIT, YOU SAW SHIRAYUKI?

WHAT? FLOWER DIVINATION?

SO THERE'S STILL SOMEONE WHO DOES SHOWA ERA STUFF.

I'M SURE TOOYAMA-KUN IS AWARE.

SHE'S THE TYPE WHO PLUCKS PETALS OFF A FLOWER ONE AT A TIME SAYING "HE LOVES ME", "HE LOVES ME NOT", "HE LOVES ME", "HE LOVES ME NOT".

AH...

THE YAMATO NADESHIKO* TYPE REALLY IS A NATURAL WONDER...

*THE IDEAL/PERFECT JAPANESE WOMAN

JIN!

DID YOUR *LOVE* ALREADY WITHER AWAY?

SO... WHY DID YOU GUYS BREAK UP?

SHE REALIZED THAT I WAS WATCHING HER, AND THE BELL FOR THE FIRST CLASS RANG, SO THE DIVINATION ITSELF WAS INTERRUPTED.

IT KINDA LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS TEARING UP.

CHILDHOOD FRIENDS... HUH.

SHIRAYUKI AND I AREN'T IN THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHAT A POPULAR WAY TO DODGE THE TOPIC.

WE'RE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

COME ON GUYS...

TALKING ABOUT IT WILL MAKE IT MORE COMPLICATED.

BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO MY INTEL, TOOYAMA-KUN AND KANZAKI-SAN WERE GETTING ALONG WELL, AND THEN THE TWO GIRLS BROKE OUT IN A DUEL, AND THEN.... NOTHING.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT KANZAKI-SAN WAS JEALOUS AND FIRED A GUN AT HOTOGI-SAN.

YO-

YO-

YOU-

AND LOOKING EXTREMELY HAPPY AT THAT.

EVEN THOUGH KANZAKI-SAN IS AN ASSALLT, TOOYAMA-KUN KEEPS TALKING ABOUT HER.

I'LL MAKE THIS CLEAR, GOT IT!?

PERVERT!!

GUH!?

WASN'T THAT HIT FOR SHIRANUI?

THAT ONE JUST NOW.

I DIDN'T DRIVE SHIRAYUKI AWAY BECAUSE OF SOMETHING LIKE JE...JEALOUSY!

AH, IS THAT SO?

SO TOOYAMA-KUN, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU CAN MAKE UP WITH HOTOGI-SAN?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "MAKE UP", HUH?

I DON'T LIKE HIM OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT! NOT AT ALL NOT AT ALL NOT AT ALLL!

KINJI AND I ARE PARTNERS!

THAT'S REALLY MY TRUE REAL FEELINGS!

THAT'S RIGHT.

SORRY.

THAT'S WHY THERE'S BEEN A M.SUNDER-STANDING.

BESIDES, I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT RECONCILEMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BY THE WAY, SHIRANUI, ABOUT THE EARLIER TALK...

DURING THIS MORNING'S WARNING BELL, I SAW SHIRAYUKI AT THE GENERAL STUDIES HALLWAY ESCAPING INTO THE WOMEN'S RESTROOM.

BY THE WAY... SHIRANUI.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT ADSEARD?

AREN'T YOU ELECTED TO BE A REPRESEN-TATIVE?

ADSEARD IS BUTEI HIGH'S ANNUAL INTER-NATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION.

ALTHOUGH IT'S CALLED "SPORTS", IT'S MORE LIKE SOME INTER HIGH OLYMPICS.

I PROBABLY WON'T APPEAR IN A MATCH.

I'm the substitute after all.

THEN ARE YOU GOING TO HELP OUT IN AN EVENT OR WHAT?

I WAS ELECTED FOR THE GUNSHOOTING EVENT, BUT I DECLINED.

I'LL JUST DO A CHEER AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

WELL, BECAUSE OF THE ASSAULTS AND SNIPERS, ALL WE GET OVER HERE ARE FOUL-SMELLING COMPETITIONS.

I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET. I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO...

ARIA, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AT ADSEARD?

HERE, "CHEERING" MEANS COMBINING AR-KATA AND A FORM OF DANCING TO CREATE A PARADE.

CHEER...

AH... YOU MEAN AR-KATA, RIGHT?

*"ITALIAN WORD FOR "WEAPON" IS ARMA, JAPANESE WORD FOR "FORM" IS KATA, THEREFORE AR-KATA."

I WON'T PARTICIPATE IN ANY MATCHES.

AH, YEAH...

KINJI, YOU SHOULD DO IT TOO, SINCE YOU'RE MY PARTNER ANYWAYS.

THE GUYS SIMPLY PERFORM IN THE BAND IN THE BACK.

THIS EVENT WAS MEANT TO CREATE A BETTER IMAGE FOR BUTEI, BUT THE ONLY SURPRISING THING ABOUT IT WAS THE CHEERLEADERS' APPEARANCES.

MUSIC, HUH... WELL, I'M NOT THAT GOOD, BUT I'M NOT BAD EITHER. ...IT SHOULD BE FINE.

YOU SHOULD TOO, MUTOU-KUN!

YEP.

IF TOOYAMA-KUN'S GONNA DO IT, MAYBE I SHOULD TOO.

THE BAND, HUH? SEEMS PRETTY COOL.

ALRIGHT, I MIGHT DO IT.

BUT KANZAKI-SAN, IT'S A SHAME TO DECLINE THE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION.

GETTING A MEDAL FROM ADSEARD WOULD MAKE YOU LOOK GOOD IN A CAREER SENSE

THINGS IN THE FUTURE DON'T MATTER.

TO ME, I HAVE **SOMETHING** I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IMMEDIATELY.

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER BUTE COLLEGE BY RECOMMENDATION, AND IT'S ALSO ADVANTAGEOUS WHEN SEARCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT.

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO PRACTICE FOR COMPETITIONS.

YOU COULD ALSO SHIFT YOUR CAREER TO THE BUTEI AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, OR BE APPOINTED A FIRST-CLASS PRIVATE BUTEI ENTERPRISE, YOU KNOW?

.....

KINJI, YOUR DOMESTICATION COMES FIRST!

D...DO-MESTICA-TION!?

SOMETHING I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF —

ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO SCREW AROUND WITH ME OR SOMETHING!?

STOP SAYING SHIRAYUKI-ESQUE THINGS, MUTOU.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN ADSEARD, AT LEAST.

WELL...

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY DOMESTICATION ANYWAYS?

You were just calling me your partner earlier

SHUT UP. YOU'RE MY SLAVE, SO IT'S DOMESTICATION.

AND ARIA, AT LEAST CALL IT "TRAINING" IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE, PLEASE.

UGH...

FIRST, STARTING TOMORROW, WE'LL BE DOING MORNING PRACTICE EVERY DAY TOGETHER.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE TALKED ABOUT ADSEARD...

I GUESS IT CAME RIGHT BACK AT ME.

GEEZ.

HUH...

GUESS WHO!

WHA!?

IT'S SO EASY TO TAKE YOU FROM BEHIND. HOW NAÏVE.

YOU CAN'T TELL BY LOOKING?

THERE'S GOT TO BE A LIMIT TO WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

I'M GONNA CHEER.

WHAT'S WITH THAT GETUP?

.....

IF WE DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME, WE WON'T WASTE ANY TIME, SEE?

THIS IS FOR THE CHEERLEADING PRACTICE I'LL DO WHILE YOU'RE DOMESTICATING.

THEN SAY SO, YOU LOSER.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM.

ANYWAYS, WHAT I ASKED EARLIER WAS A QUESTION.

AHEM.

SO...

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

TO ME, YOU ARE AN S-RANK BUTEI.

...THAT'S ONLY TO YOU.

IS CONSIDERED AS "A PERSON WHO, BY THEMSELVES, HAS THE FIGHTING POWER OF AN ENTIRE SPECIAL FORCES SQUADRON".

THAT'S BULL.

AN ASSAULT S-RANK-

DON'T SAY POINTLESS THINGS.

THAT'S WHY THE "KEY" TO YOUR AWAKENING IS ESSENTIAL.

KEY... HUH.

EVEN IN HER WILDEST DREAMS, SHE WOULDN'T CONSIDER THAT SHE'S THAT EXACT "KEY".

YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TALENT. IF YOU TRY, YOU'LL SUCCEED.

HOWEVER, YOU'RE UNABLE TO FREELY USE THAT POWER.

HYSTERIA MODE ISN'T AN ACQUIRED PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAIT.

IT'S A GENETIC NEUROLOGICAL TRAIT.

ABOUT THE "SPLIT PERSONALITY", THAT IS.

SO...

AFTER THE HIJACK, I DID SOME INVESTI-GATING.

Hunu

...OHH.

SHE'S WAY OFF THE MARK.

※ Imaginary Depiction

DURING THE STRESS OF BATTLE, YOU SWITCH INTO IT.

SO, YOUR OTHER PERSONALITY IS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A CHILDHOOD TRAUMA.

...REALLY? YOU KNOW THIS STUFF QUITE WELL.

IN OTHER WORDS, I CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT SOMETHING LIKE A SPLIT PERSONALITY IS COMPLETELY UNRELATED.

I POURED OVER BOOKS AND THE INTERNET.

IT WAS QUITE INTERESTING.

RIGHT.

LIKE THAT TIME WITH THE BICYCLE AND THE HIJACKING.

I SEE.

AH...

SO...

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SPECIAL TRAINING WILL BE TO SUICIDALLY EXPOSE YOURSELF TO THE STRESS OF COMBAT.

I'LL GET CUT INTO PIECES IF YOU SWING THAT THING AROUND!

NOT THAT!

HEY, WAIT!

YOU KNOW ...

WHAT? WE'LL HAVE A GUNFIGHT LATER, SO CALM DOWN.

COUNTER-ATTACKS ..?

IT WILL GIVE YOU STRESS UNTIL YOU PRODUCE A FLOW OF COUNTER-ATTACKS.

THIS IS TRAINING THAT WILL AROUSE YOUR INNER STUPID KINJI MODE.

EVEN *YOUR* HEAD HAS ABOUT A SPOONFUL OF BRAIN INSIDE OF IT, SO THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE.

PART THREE

THIS IS WHAT I THOUGHT THE IDEAL FLOW SHOULD BE!

COUNTER-ATTACK ON THE SPOT!

PART TWO: AWAKEN DURING BATTLE.

PART ONE: GET STUPID KINJI MODE.

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS COUNTER TECH-NIQUE?

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THE COUNTER TECHNIQUE.

she better consider something like a fixed DNA "Key"

AND SHE SAYS SHE'S THE 4TH DESCENDANT OF THE FAMOUS DETECTIVE SHERLOCK HOLMES. THAT'S WHY...

what...

THAT'S IT?

WAIT

FIRST IS EDGE CATCHING.

YES.

YOU CAN MOVE YOUR HANDS, AS IF YOU'RE SHADOWBOXING.

RIGHT.

TO START, USE THE MOVEMENT JUST NOW TO PRODUCE THE IMAGE OF CATCHING THE SWORD.

...IMAGINE?

FIRST, IMAGINE THIS TIMING 500 TIMES IN YOUR HEAD.

DO IT WITHIN 10 MINUTES.

OKAY, I GET IT.

YUP YUP.

AN OBEDIENT KINJI IS A GOOD KINJI. GOOD BOY.

OH. SO THIS IS JUST LIKE IMAGE TRAINING.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MASS-PRODUCE SOME BUMPS FROM NOW ON?

IF I'M TREATED LIKE A CHILD BY THIS GIRL, IT'S GOT TO BE THE END.

Try your best, alright?

ANTI-KNIFE TACTICS ARE THE BUTEI'S FOUNDATION.

THE EU MEMBER THAT ACCUSED MAMA OF FALSE CHARGES SEEMS LIKE A SWORD MASTER.

IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL CONTEMPLATE ABOUT WHAT TO DO.

WHAT KIND OF RULE IS THAT...

DON'T SAY POINTLESS STUFF!

OKAY, YOU GAINED A 30 SECOND PENALTY.

I GOT IT I GOT IT, I'M DOING IT.

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ALRIGHT, I'M GONNA COUNT DOWN, OKAY?

...BUT,

WELL, I GUESS I'LL GO ALONG WITH IT.

JUST...

I'LL GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER ARIA WANTS TO DO.

I CAN'T BECOME AN ALLY OF JUSTICE.

BUT ...

I'M TELLING THIS TO MYSELF.

I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE SHE'S CUTE OR BECAUSE I BECAME FOND OF HER.

I'LL TRY BEING THIS PERSON'S ALLY FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER.

...HMPH.

ALTHOUGH SHE MIGHT BE CUTE.

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IT'S SIMPLY "ONCE I DECIDE ON SOMETHING, I STICK TO IT."

IT'S REALLY JUST A NATURAL THING TO DO...

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WHOA.
I DON'T HAVE INTEREST IN SOMETHING LIKE CHEERING, SO I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT IT, BUT...
TO THE UNTRAINED EYE, SHE'S A SUPERB CHEERLEADER.
SHE'S PRETTY GOOD.

SHE REALLY LOOKS LIKE JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL.

...HOW-EVER,

WHEN I SEE HER LIKE THIS,

AN ENERGETIC HIGH SCHOOL GIRL YOU CAN FIND ANYWHERE.

EXCEPT JUST A LITTLE SHORT AND SELFISH.

...HEY, KINJI.

WHAT WERE YOU STARING AT THIS WHOLE TIME? IT'S SO FILTHY.

THAT'S ...

THAT KIND OF STUFF IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

THEN WHY WERE YOU LOOKING?

IT'S NOT FOR SHOW, YOU KNOW?

AND THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I'D WANT TO LOOK AT ANYWAYS.

WOULDN'T IT BE, FOR A CHEER-LEADER?

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HAVE YOU BEEN PROPERLY IMAGE TRAINING?

...ASIDE FROM THAT,

IN FIVE MINUTES WE'LL BE PRACTICING, STARTING WITH BACK STRIKES*.

CRAP, BACK STRIKES.

*STRIKES WITH THE BACK SIDE OF THE KATANA, WHICH IS DULL.

I'LL GO EASY ON YOU AT THE BEGINNING, SO DON'T MAKE A FRIGHTENED FACE.

BUT I'LL GRADUALLY GET FASTER, GOT IT?

...SHIT.

THIS IS GETTING TOO TROUBLESOME.

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OUCH...

Kinji.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN SOME ENGLISH AND HISTORICAL DATES

DAMMIT, SO ABU-SIVE

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HAVE I BEEN AM-BUSHED AGAIN?

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BUT STILL... STRIKING ME WITH THE BACK OF HER SWORD

UNTIL I TRANSFER SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR, I'LL BE AN INQUESTA AND LIVE PEACEFULLY.

IF YOU MAKE ME GO BACK TO THE DIE DIE CLUB, THEN I'LL QUIT BEING YOUR PARTNER.

I STILL HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING YET.

I WON'T BE TRAINING WITH YOU AFTER SCHOOL, YOU KNOW?

BUT I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING YET.

AND I'M NOT GOING BACK TO BEING AN ASSAULT AGAIN, EITHER.

BUT...

WE'RE STILL DOING MORNING PRACTICE TOMORROW.

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WELL...

I CAN DEAL WITH THAT...

AFTER ALL, I'M HER PARTNER.

so lots of people asked me for advice

I was really good at it

I'VE BEEN BEHAVING MORE AND MORE LIKE A PARTNER.

SEARCHING THE WHOLE WORLD, SHE HAS FINALLY FOUND...

THE REASON IS OBVIOUS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, ARIA HAS BEEN QUITE CHEERFUL LATELY.

Today in Assault practice we learn to defend against flying knives.

You know, Kenji?

WHAT?

Hehe, nothing.

YOU'RE ANNOYING.

IF YOU GRABBED 2 OR 3 MORE PEOPLE AS TEAMMATES, IT'D...

YOU KNOW...

HAVE YOU STOPPED SEARCHING FOR OTHER PARTNERS BESIDES ME?

HEY, KINJI.

ME IN HYSTERIA MODE

I CAN FIGHT BY MYSELF TO BEGIN WITH.

IF I JUST HAVE A PARTNER WHO CAN KEEP UP WITH ME, I'LL BE FINE.

I'M BAD AT GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS ANYWAYS.

I DON'T NEED TEAMMATES.

I'M AWARE OF THAT.

JUST YOU.

IT'S FINE WITH JUST YOU.

ONCE I FINISH TRAINING YOU, THAT'D BE ENOUGH.

WHY NOT TAKE SOME ASPIRIN?

MY HEAD HURTS.

BECAUSE YOU HIT MY HEAD SO MUCH.

THIS MEANS THAT I WILL HAVE TO LOOK AFTER HER FOR A WHILE.

...DAMN IT.

I JUST HAPPENED TO RUN OUT OF IT.

IT'S ONLY AVAILABLE AT AMEYOKU. IT'S BOTHERSOME GETTING THERE.

THE PHARMACY THAT I BUY IT FROM IS IN THE MIDDLE OF UENO AND OKACHIMACHI, SO ITS FAR AWAY FROM BOTH STATIONS.

THEN GO DRINK *THAT.*

YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD MAN.

Kinji!

...WHAT?

look at this!

MY SICKNESSES CAN ONLY BE CURED BY THE YAMATO "SUPER CONCENTRATED KUDZU ROOT SOUP".

SUPER CONCENTRATED? WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

IT MEANS TO CONCENTRATE THE CRUDE MEDICINAL INGREDIENTS.

THEY ADD KUDZU ROOT, EPHEDRA AND OTHER TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINES.

CALLING TO STUDENT

2nd Year Class B
Psychic Ability Investigation Research Team
Hotogi Shirayuki

ARIA...
I'M AN ARISTOCRAT.
I WON'T GO REPORTING MY PRIVATE MATTERS TO THE TEACHERS. I WON'T DO SOMETHING SO COWARDLY.
DID YOU TELL THE TEACHERS ABOUT THAT TIME WHEN SHIRAYUKI ATTACKED YOU?

IT'S A RARE SIGHT INDEED.
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, STANDARD SCORE OF 75, HEAD OF THE GARDENING CLUB, HEAD OF THE CRAFTS CLUB, AND HEAD OF FEMALE BALLET.
SHIRAYUKI, A MODEL STUDENT WITH A PERFECT LIFESTYLE, BEING SUMMONED IS ...

Didn't you say that aristocrats don't act cowardly.

WEAK-NESS... WHY?

I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE AND GET HOLD OF HER WEAKNESS!

SHIRAYUKI HASN'T COME AFTER YOU SINCE THAT TIME.

KINJI,

THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE TO DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM THAT BRUTAL WOMAN.

RECENTLY, WHEN I'M ALONE, I FEEL LIKE THERE ARE PEOPLE BEHIND THE DOORS EVERYWHERE.

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HUH?

SHE HAS!

THE TELEPHONE FEELS LIKE IT'S BEING TAPPED AND DISCONNECTS.

I GET THE FEELING THAT SOMEONE IS HIDING AND LOOKING AT ME.

I'M BEING HARASSED BY THAT WOMAN!

ANY-WAY!

EVEN WHEN I'M WALKING ON A NORMAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HALLWAY, I GET SPRAYED WITH WATER.

DARTS JUST RANDOMLY FLY OUT OF NOWHERE.

I FALL INTO PIT TRAPS.

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SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, HUH...

IF THAT WAS ALL, THEN IT'S STILL ALRIGHT.

YOU'RE REALLY THICKHEADED FOR FAILING TO NOTICE IT!

SO INCOM-PETENT!

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SOMEONE PLANTED A PIANO WIRE IN THERE!

THE OTHER DAY, AFTER I OPENED MY LOCKER IN THE GIRL'S CHANGING ROOM-

I GET LETTERS WITH "ADULTERER" WRITTEN ON THEM!!

A picture of a cat-*!?

THAT'S A LITTLE CUTE THOUGH.

*THE WRITING ON THE CAT-LETTER CAN BE SEPARATED INTO "DOROBOU" AND "NEKO" ("THIEF" AND "CAT").

THAT SORT OF DANGEROUS TRAP IS ONLY LEARNED IN 3RD YEAR ASSAULT OR LEZZARD.

THIS... IS SOMETHING I CAN'T LAUGH AT.

KINJI, WHEN SHIRAYUKI IS SUMMONED, WE...

I'M... WELL, YOU KNOW...

SO THEY HUNG THE WIRE WHERE MY HEAD WOULD BE!

THEY KNEW THAT BECAUSE OF MY BODY, I WOULD HAVE TO GO IN THE LOCKER TO GET MY CLOTHES,

WILL INFILTRATE MASTERS!!

INSIDE IT, THERE ARE ZONES KNOWN AS THE "THREE DANGER AREAS".

TOKYO BUTEI HIGH IS A HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS DANGEROUS EVERYWHERE YOU GO, BUT...

AS-SAULT

AND MASTERS.

IT'S BECAUSE THE BUTEI HIGH TEACHERS ARE ALL DANGEROUS PEOPLE.

WHY IS MASTERS, THE TEACHER'S DEPARTMENT, SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE?

THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE.

IT'S A PLACE FOR PEOPLE WITH PASTS THAT ARE BETTER NOT HEARD ABOUT.

I KNOW THAT THERE ARE PREVIOUSLY TEACHERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT WERE SPECIAL OPS,

SOLDIERS, MAFIA AND RUMOURED ASSASSINS.

THAT'S...

THE HOMEROOM TEACHER OF 2ND YEAR CLASS B, SUZURI-SENSEI FROM THE DAGULA DIVISION.

HOTOGI.

LATELY, YOUR GRADES HAVE BEEN DROPPING...

AH...

WELL, STUDYING ISN'T REALLY THAT IMPORTANT ANYWAY.

ALTHOUGH SHE LOOKS LIKE A DANGEROUS WOMAN ALL YEAR ROUND,

SHE'S ACTUALLY A SCARY, TALENTED BUTEI IN ONE FIELD...

I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR CHANGE.

AH...

CHANGE.

THAT IS...

WHAT ...

UMM...

HEY...

I'LL BE DIRECT AND JUST ASK YOU

AFTER THAT, THEY BEGIN ACTING STRANGE AND START REFERRING TO HER AS A QUEEN OR GODDESS.

INTERRO-GATION.

I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE DOES IT.

HOTOGI, HAVE YOU BY ANY CHANCE...

BEEN CONTACTED BY THAT GUY?

DO YOU MEAN...

DURAN-DAL?

NO MATTER HOW TIGHTLIPPED THE CRIMINAL IS, THEY WILL CONFESS EVERYTHING.

DURAN-DAL...

I'VE ONLY SEEN THAT NAME IN WELL-KNOWN MAIL, BUT...

HE'S A BEAST THAT TARGETS BUTEI THAT USE SUPERNATURAL POWERS - CHOTEI.

HOW-EVER...

THAT'S... NO, I HAVEN'T, BUT...

EVEN IF DURANDAL *DID* EXIST, HE WOULDN'T COME AFTER ME...

HE'D GO FOR THE BETTER CHOTEI...

THAT'S RIGHT...

NOBODY HAS ACTUALLY SEEN WHAT DURANDAL LOOKS LIKE. HIS EXISTENCE HAS BEEN VIEWED AS BEING AS JUST A RUMOUR.

THE CHOTEI THAT HAVE VANISHED DISAPPEARED WHEN THEY WERE IN OTHER CASES. IT'S BECOMING JUST AN URBAN LEGEND.

HOTOGI... YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.

TH-THAT'S...

IT'S GOING TO BE ADSEARD SOON, WHERE LOTS OF OUTSIDERS ARE GOING TO BE COMING INTO THE SCHOOL.

EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR THAT SHORT PERIOD, YOU NEED TO FIND A SKILLED BUTEI TO PROTECT YOU.

HOTOGI... I'VE SAID THIS SEVERAL TIMES. LET'S FIND YOU A BODYGUARD TO PROTECT YOU.

THE LEZZARD IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

O... OKAY.

I UNDER-STAND.

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THIS IS AN ORDER.

BUT DURANDAL IS A CRIMINAL THAT DOESN'T EXIST, SO...

IF I SAY IT THE THIRD TIME, IT'LL GET SCARY.

IT'S IMPORTANT, SO I'VE SAID IT TWICE.

IN BUTEI HIGH, THERE ARE LOTS OF STUDENTS GIVEN WARNINGS.

BUT...

IN REALITY, ALMOST NOBODY ACTUALLY GETS ATTACKED LIKE THEY ARE WARNED.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S THE OVERLY PROTECTIVE MASTERS...

SO THEY OVERREACT TO UNRELIABLE INFORMATION...

MAKING SURE THAT NOTHING HAPPENS TO THE HONORS STUDENT SHIRAIYUKI.

ORDERING HER TO GET A BODYGUARD.

POOR SHIRAIYUKI...

BEING TROUBLED BY THE ADULTS MUST BE REALLY FRUSTRATING...

WAI-

YOU-

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I'LL BE...

THAT BODYGUARD!!

UHH...

DON'T STICK YOUR STUPID FACE INTO WEIRD PLACES!

KI-KI-KI... KINJI!

KIN -CHAN!?

OH...

WHA...

OOMPH!

EH...

IT'S THE COUPLE FROM THE RECENT PLANE JACKING.

WHADDUYA KNOW.

HM... WHAT IS THIS...

AH...

WHO USES TWO GOVERNMENT AND TWO KODACHI.

THIS IS KANZAKI H. ARIA.

KODACHI = SHORT SWORD

BECALSE YOU AREN'T COOPERATIVE.

BLOCK-HEAD!

THAT HURTS!

THE LONDON BUTEI HEADQUIATERS HAS TAKEN YOUR CREDIT IN ALL THE REPORTS.

ALSO KNOWN AS "QUADRA"

A BUTEI THAT OPERATES IN EUROPE — BUT...

HMM... THAT'S A DISADVAN-TAGEOUS POSITION.

I'M SO GLAD I'M A COMMON-ER...

EVEN IF OTHERS TAKE MY CREDIT, I WON'T DENY IT!

AND I'M NOT A BLOCKHEAD!

AN ARISTOCRAT DOESN'T BOAST ABOUT HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

TH... TH-THAT'S NOT A WEAKNESS!

AS LONG AS I HAVE A SWIMMING RING, I'M TOTALLY FINE!

OH THAT'S RIGHT... WEAKNESS ...

YEP, YEP...

YOU CAN'T SWIM.

WAAAA!!!

AND...

I SEE...

YOU CAN'T SWIM.

I JUST HEARD SOMETHING GOOD...

AH...

THIS IS TOYAMA KINJI-KUN.

I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE... BUT ARIA FORCED ME...

CASES YOU'VE SOLVED ARE...

I THINK WERE... GOING TO AOMI TO SEARCH FOR A CAT, THE AMAGOO PLANE JACKING...

MANY ASSAULT STUDENTS LOOK UP TO YOU.

SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF CHARISMA ABOUT YOU.

NOT VERY SOCIABLE...

WILL MAINTAIN YOUR DISTANCE WITH OTHERS — BUT

WEAPON IS AN ILLEGALLY MODIFIED BERETTA M92F.

HEY...

WHY ARE THE CASES YOU DO SO DIFFERENT...

PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ABOUT THAT.

Nicknamed the Kinji model, it has the ability to fire 3 shot bursts or go complete auto, right?

AH... NO...

IT BROKE IN THE RECENT PLANE JACKING...

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE USING A CHEAP AMERICAN GUN AS A REPLACE-MENT...

HAHA...

YOU'VE ALREADY MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMDO TO GET IT MODIFIED, RIGHT?

HOT!

DAMN ...

WELL THEN...

WHY DOES THIS PERSON KNOW EVERYTHING...

WHAT DID YOU MEAN? THAT YOU'LL "BE THAT BODYGUARD".

IT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT.

H-HEY... ARIA!

...HOTOGI.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT JUST HAPPENED, BUT AN S-RANKED BUTEI HAS VOLUNTEERED TO GUARD YOU.

SHIRAYUKI'S BODYGUARD...

IT'LL TAKE THE JOB OF GUARDING HER, 24 HOURS A DAY, FOR FREE.

I-I DON'T WANT IT!

I'D HATE IT IF ARIA WAS ALWAYS WITH ME!

K-KIN-CHAN!

WAI-

IF YOU DON'T LET ME BE YOUR BODYGUARD...

I'LL SHOOT THIS GUY!

I HAVE A CONDITION...

ON 24 HOUR STANDBY!

KIN-CHAN ALSO HAS TO GUARD ME!

HMM.

I SEE... SO YOU HAVE THIS TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP.

C-CO-

THEN... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, HOTOGI?

HA

I'LL ALSO-

I'LL ALSO-

LIVE TOGETHER WITH KIN-CHAN!!